

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Dixon et al. }

Invention: PATIENT POSITION
DETECTION APPARATUS
FOR A BED }

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 29, 2000,
Applicants hereby elect Group I.

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as
follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel non-elected claims 48-67 without prejudice or disclaimer of the
subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for detecting a position of a body on a support
surface of a bed, the apparatus comprising:

at least one first sensor coupled to the bed, the at least one first sensor having
an output signal which is variable in response to changes in a weight applied to the support
surface;

at least one second sensor located adjacent the support surface, the at least one
second sensor having an output signal which is variable in response to changes in the position
of the body on the support surface; and

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